

Gorton (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 1201, to permit the Virgin Islands to issue parity bonds in lieu of priority bonds. **Page S9402**

Gorton/Byrd Amendment No. 1202, to clarify that the provision regarding Forest Ecosystems Health and Recovery Revolving Fund applies only to the Federal share of receipts. **Page S9402**

Gorton/Byrd Amendment No. 1203, to clarify the provision allowing tribal priority allocation funds be used for repair and replacement of school facilities. **Pages S9402–03**

Withdrawn:

Committee amendment beginning on page 55, line 11 through page 56, line 2, regarding tribal sovereign immunity. **Page S9397**

Pending:

Ashcroft Amendment No. 1188 (to committee amendment beginning on page 96, line 12 through page 97, line 8), to eliminate funding for programs and activities carried out by the National Endowment for the Arts. **Pages S9363–75, S9385–89, S9397–S9401, S9403–05**

Hutchinson Amendment No. 1196, to authorize the President to implement the recently announced American Heritage Rivers Initiative subject to designation of qualified rivers by Act of Congress. **Pages S9405–06**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Wednesday, September 17, 1997.

Military Construction Appropriations Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2016, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, on Wednesday, September 17, 1997, with a vote to occur thereon. **Page S9433**

Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled “The Export Expansion and Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act of 1997”; to the Committee on Finance. (PM–65). **Page S9409**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations: General Henry H. Shelton for appointment as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. **Page S9377**

Richard Thomas White, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States for a term expiring September 30, 1999.

John D. Trasvina, of California, to be Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices for a term of four years.

Stephen R. Sestanovich, of the District of Columbia, as Ambassador at Large and Special Adviser to the Secretary of State for the New Independent States. **Page S9436**

Messages From the President: **Pages S9409–10**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—239) **Page S9376**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:14 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Wednesday, September 17, 1997. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S9436.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Gen. Michael E. Ryan, USAF, to be Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, Adm. Harold W. Gehman Jr., USN, to be Commander-in-Chief, United States Atlantic Command, and Lt. Gen. Charles E. Wilhelm, USMC, to be Commander-in-Chief, United States Southern Command and for appointment to the grade of general, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT FRAUD

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Services and Technology concluded hearings to examine the widespread growth of fraud using financial institutions, focusing on national security implications, organized crime involvement, and the types of counterfeit financial instruments being circulated, after receiving testimony from Charles L. Owens, Chief, Financial Crimes Section, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Dana Brown, Deputy Special Agent in Charge, Financial Crimes Division, U.S. Secret Service, Department of the Treasury; Robert

M. Edmund, Edmund Scientific Company, Barrington, New Jersey; Dennis Brosan, Visa U.S.A., Inc., Washington, D.C.; Roger Leblond, Pacific Southwest Bank, Corpus Christi, Texas; and Diana Christiansen, Provo, Utah.

TOBACCO ADVERTISING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings to examine the effect of tobacco advertising and marketing on children and the advertising restrictions included in the proposed settlement between State Attorneys General and tobacco companies to mandate a total reformation and restructuring of how tobacco products are manufactured, marketed and distributed in America, receiving testimony from Matthew L. Myers, National Center for Tobacco-Free Kids, and Shirley Igo, National PTA, both of Washington, D.C.; Alfred Munzer, Washington Adventist Hospital, Takoma

Park, Maryland, on behalf of the American Lung Association; Joseph R. Difranza, University of Massachusetts Medical Center, Worcester, on behalf of STAT (Stop Teenage Addiction to Tobacco); and D. Scott Wise, Davis Polk & Wardwell, New York, New York.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

CAMPAIGN FINANCING INVESTIGATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee resumed hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, receiving testimony from Karl Jackson, U.S.-Thailand Business Council, Beth E. Dozoretz, Democratic National Committee, Rawlein Soberano, Asian-American Business Round Table, and Clarke Southall Wallace, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings continue tomorrow.